



Michigan Department of State Police

# Emergency Management Division Informational Letter

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**Subject:** Department of Homeland Security Announces Funding for First Responders –  
FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)  
**Attention:** Fire Departments, Police and Sheriff Departments, Local and District Emergency  
Management Coordinators

Department of homeland security announces funding for first responders to better assist state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel to help them prevent, prepare and respond to terrorism.

Congress recently passed the fiscal year 2003 federal budget and the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), Department of Justice, has been allocated approximately \$566,295,000 to support state and local equipment programs. In this regard, Michigan has been allocated \$11,170,000 in fiscal year 2003 funding for the purchase of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) response equipment (with an 80% pass-through to local jurisdictions). Additionally, the State's allocations for the three remaining program areas are: exercises - \$2,793,000, training - \$838,000, and planning - \$1,117,000, for an overall total of \$15,918,000.

The Emergency Management Division is preparing the state's grant application for the 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). The completed package is due to the ODP no later than April 22, 2003, and the grant performance period will run two years from the date of award. Grants will be awarded when the application is received and approved. Local distribution of 2003 funding will generally be in accordance with the formula identified in the existing Statewide Three-year Domestic Preparedness Strategy, although consideration will be given to the resources previously distributed for the purposes of attaining a Basic Defensive Capability.

The Emergency Management Division is scheduling a series of Technical Assistance Workshops during the month of May throughout the state to provide facilitation and assistance to local jurisdictions during the completion of the State Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy (SHSAS) program. Attendance at these workshops and completion of the assessment is paramount to local jurisdictions to be considered for the 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Specific workshop information will be provided soon to local emergency management coordinators.

As of March 1, the Office for Domestic Preparedness transferred from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security. Assistance to state and local jurisdictions in the form of risk and needs assessments, equipment grants, training, exercise support and technical assistance will be the program's top priorities. Since 1998, the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) has been engaged with the states and U.S. territories in the ongoing effort to better handle terrorist incidents. Assistance available from ODP to the states has increased from \$12 million in 1998 to nearly \$600 million in the current fiscal year.

In 1999, the state of Michigan received \$1,395,000. As outlined in the state's Three-Year Domestic Preparedness Strategy, this money was directed towards support of the Regional Response Team Network. While no local pass-through was required, approximately 86% (\$1,203,587) went to local jurisdictions.

The 2000-2001 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant (SDPEG) awarded \$4,786,000 to Michigan. The primary intent was to enhance the ability of first responders to react to incidents of domestic terrorism at the local level. This program had a 41% required pass-through to local jurisdictions. Michigan distributed 92% (\$4,410,960) to local units of government.

In 2002, the State Domestic Preparedness Program (SDPP) Grant allocated \$8,958,000 to the state, with a required 80% pass-through to local government. Approximately 82% (\$7,110,800) has been obligated for local jurisdictions.

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Sincerely,



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